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The hon. Khan Bahadur MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:—"We have special arrangements for the treatment of such cases."

## Labour.

*Staff of the District Labour offices in Guntur, etc.*

*2404 Q.—Mr. R. VEERIAN: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) the names of the candidates employed, the communities to which they belong, and the substantive appointments they hold in various capacities in the District Labour offices of Guntur, Nellore and Vellore;

(b) how many applications were received for various appointments in the Labour department, opened recently in the Nellore district as well as in Vellore, North Arcot district; and

(c) whether all appointments, including those of the District Labour Officers, Nellore and Vellore, were solely and finally made by the District Collectors of the respective districts?

A.—(a) & (b) Statements [a] A and B giving the information required are placed on the table.

(c) The appointments of District Labour Officers are made by Collectors subject to the approval of the Commissioner of Labour, while the other appointments are made by Collectors themselves.

## Unemployment.

*Report of Committee on Unemployment.*

*2405 Q.—Mr. B. RAMACHANDRA REDDI: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have received the report of the committee appointed to enquire into the question of unemployment among the educated middle classes of Madras Presidency;

(b) if not, whether they are aware of any reasons for the delay in the submission of the report; and

(c) if received, whether copies of the report will be placed on the table of the House at the August meeting?

A.—(a) No.

(b) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer given to question No. 2339.

(c) Does not arise.

## Economic conditions (including prices and wages).

*Control over the price of rice, ragi, etc.*

*2406 Q.—Mr. R. VEERIAN: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) why there is no control over rice, ragi, cholam, cumboo, chamai and other Indian grains now;

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[a] Printed as Appendix II on pages 369-370 infra.

(b) whether the Government propose to have control over these grains now; and

(c) if not, why not?

A.—The question is not understood.

Mr. R. VEERIAN:—"Sir, it is mentioned that my question has not been understood. What I wanted to raise in my question was that there must be some control over the price of rice, ragi, etc., so that poor people may get the right quantity."

The hon. the PRESIDENT:—"The hon. Member might have said in his question 'control over the price'."

Mr. R. VEERIAN:—"I am explaining my question."

The hon. the PRESIDENT:—"Then the hon. Member will kindly send another question corrected."

Mr. R. VEERIAN:—"I wanted to know whether Government would be pleased to have control over the price of rice, ragi, etc."

The hon. the PRESIDENT:—"Order, order. That is a suggestion for action."

Mr. R. VEERIAN:—"May I know whether Governments of other provinces have control over food stuffs?"

The hon. the PRESIDENT:—"Order, order. That question does not belong to the Madras Government."

## Irrigation (Minor Works).

*Water-supply to arecanut gardens in Kasaragod taluk.*

*2407 Q.—Mr. D. MANJAYYA HEGGADE: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government are aware that a great number of arecanut gardens in Kasaragod taluk and elsewhere in South Kanara district are very much affected by scarcity and failure of water-supply during the last dry season; and

(b) if not, whether the Government have held or propose to hold a detailed enquiry in order to ascertain all cases of damage caused?

A.—(a) The Government are not aware that the case is as stated.
(b) The answer is in the negative.

Mr. D. MANJAYYA HEGGADE:—"With reference to clause (b) of the question, I want to know whether Government propose to hold an enquiry."

The hon. the PRESIDENT:—"The answer given is 'The answer is in the negative'."

Mr. D. MANJAYYA HEGGADE:—"I want to know whether the Government will institute an enquiry for ascertaining all cases of damage caused."

The hon. Mr. N. E. MARJORIBANKS:—"I do not think that any advantage will be derived from holding such an enquiry."